

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**

**OCTOBER 9, 2012  
6:00 PM**

Present at meeting:      Ralph Bentley      Supervisor  
                                 Frank Hill      Councilman  
                                 Kenneth Higgins      Councilman  
                                 Robert Olson      Councilman  
                                 Matthew Simpson      Councilman  
Krista Wood      Town Clerk

Also: HS Paul Smith, Wayne Butler, Doug Paton, Tom Johansen, and Georgia McMeekin.

Supervisor Bentley called the Budget Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2013 Budget line by line. There was discussion about the proposed pay raises and the Board agreed there would be no raises for 2013 in light of the economic times.

**General Budget:**

Town Board: Councilman Olson stated that he had requested money be budgeted in Contractual for the Economic Development Committee.

Assessor: Supervisor Bentley stated that Assessor Maniacek had wanted to do a revaluation in 2013 but Supervisor Bentley had told him not this time.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk: Supervisor Bentley noted that the increase in the Town Clerk code is due to the Tax Collector and Town Clerk codes being combined.

Buildings/Grounds: Supervisor Bentley said he planned on budgeting for a new roof for the Garage behind the Community Center. However, there is not enough money to replace the roof so he budgeted enough to cover the cost of repairing the roof for now.

Special Publicity (Bed Tax): There is a proposed budget amount of \$32,000 to be broken out between North Warren County Bicentennial Celebration (\$15,000), Horicon Day (\$10,000), North Warren Chamber of Commerce (\$2,000), and Park Improvements (\$5,000).

Parks: There is a proposed budget amount of \$1,500.00 for new playground equipment.

Insect Department: There is a proposed budget amount of \$11,000 for the Brant Lake and Schroon Lake Boat Launch Stewards. There is a proposed budget amount of \$59,500.00 which will be broken out between the Brant Lake Association (\$20,000 for milfoil control), the East Shore Schroon Lake Association (\$20,000 for milfoil control), and the BTI program (\$19,500 quote). Wayne Butler, of the Brant Lake Association, asked for more money for the Brant Lake milfoil control program, but Supervisor Bentley explained that the 2% tax cap limits what the Town can spend.

Refuse/Garbage: The Board proposed that Gramps Lewis be increased to full-time.

Beautification and Cemeteries: Both codes were increased due to the need for some new equipment (mowers and hand tools) and repairs needed for the cemetery truck.

**Highway Budget:**

General Repair: Supervisor Bentley said he had originally intended to increase this code but stated he had to cut somewhere so he did not budget additional money for road repairs in 2013.

Machinery/Equipment: The Highway Department needs a new single-axle dump truck which estimates show will cost between \$175,000 and \$180,000. There was discussion on how to pay for a new truck.

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Supervisor Bentley said he felt he could manage it. The Board added \$55,000 to Equipment which will be for the down payment on a new truck and will finance the rest.

Bridges: There is a proposed increase for this code for culvert work that needs to be done.

Snow Removal: Councilman Higgins asked if the proposed budget amount was based on the past winter. Supervisor Bentley said it was, and Councilman Higgins suggested it be increased because the upcoming winter could be a lot worse. No change was made.

Supervisor Bentley stated that he will increase property tax by the amount allowed by the State which will be 2-3/4%.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins and Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk